

# Safety Notice

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1. Many of the fire apparatus in MCFRS have a large portion of the body that extends beyond the pivot point of the rear axle. While turning, it will “swing” in the opposite direction you are turning.

2. When departing/returning to the station, please be sure to “Mind the Swing” of the rear end to avoid making contact with the station on the way in/out.

a. This is especially important in stations that sometimes require the driver to begin their turn before departing the station OR where the driver cannot pull in/out of the station in a straight line.

3. Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) demonstrating how wide of a range there can be between different breeds of fire apparatus. (Video Cred: Sutphen Corp.)

4. Regardless of the breed or size of apparatus (from ambulance up to TDA), anytime a vehicle must initiate a turn with a portion of that vehicle still inside the firehouse, an opportunity exists for accidental contact with the building created by “the swing” of the rear end. Remember to exercise due regard while entering and exiting stations.



## Watch for “The Swing”

